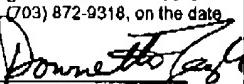


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.